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1. SUMMARY. ON ITS THIRD DAY OF WORK (MAY 17) NEW ASSEMBLY OF THE SFRY APPROVED PREMIER DZEMAL BIJEDIC'S LIST OF CABINET APPOINTEES, WHICH CARRIES OVER MINIC (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND LJUBICIC (NATIONAL DEFENSE) FROM OLD FEC. FEC HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO 32 MEMBERS FROM PREVIOUS 28; IT INCLUDES FOUR VICE PRESIDENTS, SEVEN SECRETARIES (MINIC IS ALSO A VP), ELEVEN HEADS OF FEDERAL COMMITTEES, AND TEN MEMBERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO (INCLUDING EX-FINANCE SECRETARY SMOLE). MORE SIGNIFICANT THAT INCREASED OVERALL SIZE OF CABINET, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL VP, IS FACT THAT THERE ARE FOUR LESS SECRETARIES THAN BEFORE AND THAT FEC IS LOSING (TO NEW ASSEMBLY OF THE SFRY) IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESOLVING INTER-REPUBLICAN DIFFERENCES - ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN CRITICAL AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (REFTEL AND BELGRADE 2349).

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END SUMMARY.

2. NEW FEC CARRIES OVER TWO VP'S: MILOS MINIC (SERB) AND DR. ANTON VRATUSA (SLOVENE). SIROTKOVIC HAD ALREADY LEFT VP JOB TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF CROATIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. TWO MORE VP'S ADDED: DOBROSAV CULAFIC (MONTENEGRIN - FORMER MEMBER SFRY PRESIDENCY) AND DR. BERISLAV SEFER (CROAT - PROFESSOR AT FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES AT BELGRADE UNIVERSITY, ECONOMIST, ADVISER TO LCY PRESIDUM 1966-72).

3. NEW FEC HAS SEVEN FEDERAL SECRETARIATS, ONE MORE THAN FORECOAST LAST MONTH IN PRESS ACCOUNT OF NEW LEGISLATION (REFTEL- SECRETARIAT FOR JUSTICE WAS NOT DROPPED); FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MILOS MINIC CONTINUES); NATIONAL DEFENSE (GEN NIKOLA LJUBICIC SERB CONTINUES) FOREIGN TRADE (EMIL LUDVIGER, CROAT, CONTINUES); INTERNAL AFFAIRS (BANOVIC REPLACED BY FRANJO HERLJEVIC; CROAT FROM BOSNIA - COLONEL-GENERAL WHO HAS HEADED UP ALL PEOPLES DEFENSE FORCES IN B&H AND BEEN MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LC B&H); MARKET AND PRICES (STOJANOVIC REPLACED BY IMER PULJA; ALBANIAN FROM KOSOVO - MEMBER OF OLD FEC, HEADED INTER-REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE FOR MARKETS); FINANCE (SMOLE REPLACED BY MOTRCILO CEMOVIC; MONTENEGRIN - MEMBER OF OLD FEC, HEADED FEC COMMISSION FOR BUDGET QUESTIONS AND INTER-REPUBLIC COMMITTEE FOR MONETARY SYSTEM); JUSTICE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL ADMISISTRATION (MUGBIL BEJZAT REPLACED BY IVAN FRANKO: SLOVENE - SECRETARY OF OLD FEC, HEADED COMMISSION FOR HOUSING).

4. ELEVEN FEDERAL COMMITTEES ARE SOCIAL PLANNING (MILORAD BIROVLJEV - SERB FROM VOJVODINA, CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPERIENCE,. ENERGY AND INDUSTRY (DUSAN ILJJEVIC - SERB FROM VOJVODINA, LEFT JOB AS PRESIDENT, NOVI SAD MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO REPLACE, TIKVICKI IN FEC IN NOV, 1973) AGRICULTURE (IVO KUSTRAK - CROAT, HEADED SECRETARIAT FOR AGRICULTURE IN OLD FEC); TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (BOSKO DIMITRIJEVIC - SERB FROM KOSOVO HEADED SECRETARIAT FOR THE ECONOMY IN OLD FEC); TOURISM (MILAN VUKASOVIC - MONTENEGRIN, EX-SECRETARY OF CENTRAL COUNCIL, CONF

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OF TRADE UNIONS YUGOSLAVIA) ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (STOJAN ANDOV - MACEDONIAN, MEMBER OF OLD FEC, HEADED INTER-REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE FRO DOREIGN TRADE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE SYSTEM) LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (SVETOZAR PEPOVSKI - MACEDONIAN, EX-GENERAL SECRETARY OF FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR HEALTH, PENSION AND DISABILITY INSURANCE); VETERANS' AND MILITARY DISABLED AFFAIRS

(MS MARA RADIC - SERB FROM BOSNIA, EX-DEPUTY IN CHAMBER OF NATIONALITIES, FEDERAL ASSEMBLY AND EX-AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND); HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (MS ZORA TOMIC - SLOVENE, EX-MEMBER SLOVENIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBER REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE SAWP); SCIENCE AND CULTURE (TRPE JAKOVLEVSKI - MACEDONIAN, MEMBER OF OLD FEC, HEADED COMMITTEED FOR VETERANS, AFFAIRS AND SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, AND CULTURE) INFORMATION (MUHAMED BERBEROVIC - MOSLEM FROM B&H, EX-VICE PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE SAWP, EX-MEMBER OF PRESIDUM, FEDERAL CONFERENCE SAWPY).

5. FEC MEMBERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ARE MUGBIL BEJZAT (TURK FROM MACEDONIA, HEADED SECRETARIAT FOR JUSTICE AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS IN OLD FEC) ASLAN FAZLIJA (ALBANIAN FROM KOSOVO, EX-PRESIDENT OF PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE SAWP, MEMBER OF PRESIDUM, FEDERAL CONFERENCE SAWPY); DR. BORISAV JOVIC (SERB, CARRY-OVER FROM OLD FEC, HEADS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL PLANNING); LJUBOMIR MARKOVIC (MONTENEGRIN, DIRECTOR OF ALUMINUM COMBINE TITOGRAĐ); FRANJO NADJ (HUNGARIAN FROM VOJVODINA, EX-PRESIDENT VOJVODINA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL); RADOVAN PANTOVIC (SERB, EX-VICE PRESIDENT OF SERBIAN ASSEMBLY); DR. ASEN SIMITCIJEV (MACEDONIAN, EX VICE PRESIDENT OF MACEDONIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, PRESIDENT OF MACEDONIAN ECONOMIC CHAMBER); ENG. VAJO SKENDZIC (SERB FROM CROATIA, TOP PARTISAN CREDENTIALS, VARIOUS JOBS IN CROATIAN GOVT, IN CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS YUGOSLAVIA, AND IN FEDERAL ASSEMBLY); JANKO SMOLE (SLOVENE, HEADED SECRETARIAT FOR FINANCE IN OLD FEC); GOJKO UBIPARIP (FROM BOSNIA, DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE "ELEKTROBOSNA" IN JAJCE AND EX-DEPUTY IN ECONOMIC CHAMBER OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY).

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6. COMMENT: WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT CONSIDERATIONS MILITATED IN FAVOR OF CREATING LARGER CABINET (32 MEMBERS), WITH DIMINISHED POWER, LESS THAN MONTH AFTER PRESS WROTE ABOUT NEW LEGISLATION CALLING FOR MINIMUM OF 22 IN FEC (REFTEL), AND SUGGESTING MORE COMPACT BODY. UNHAPPINESS OF SERBS AT PROSPECT OF VOJVODINA AND KOSOVO BETWEEN THEM HAVING MORE MEMBERS THAT SERBIA PROPER COULD AGAIN BE AT LEAST PARTIAL EXPLANATION.

7. TONE OF NEW FEC SHOULD BE LITTLE CHANGED, DESPITE SOME NEW PEOPLE FROM ENTERPRISES. BIJEDIC CONSIDERED HERE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT WORKING OUT COMPROMISES AMONG POLITICIANS WITH WIDELY DIVERGING INTERESTS; PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTER-REPUBLIC COORDINATION NOW IN ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER. NO SURPRISE THAT MINIC AND LJUBICIC STAYED ON, BUT FOREIGN

SECRETARIAT PEOPLE CAUTION US INFORMALLY THAT MINIC'S
HEALTH SITUATION STILL NOT CLEAR. UNEXPECTED THAT SMOLE,
WHO HAS BEEN EXCELLENT FINANCE MINISTER, WOULD HAVE AGREED
TO BEING MOVED FROM SECRETARY JOB TO JUST FEC MEMBER
WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, ALTHOUGH JUDGMENT OF MOVE WILL HAVE
TO AWAIT INFO ON HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. NOT
SURPRISINGLY, MUCH TALK HERE ABOUT POSSIBLE REASONS FOR
JAN GENERAL OFFICER BEING PUT INTO INTERIOR SLOT.
MOVE COINCIDES WITH ENORMOUS BUILD-UP IN POSITIVE ATTENTION
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